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When planning a trip to the City of Garland Transfer Station or the Hinton Landfill to dispose of bulky waste or other debris, please remember to secure your load with a tarp. Litter and waste materials escaping from vehicles can pose safety hazards to other drivers, and they are unsightly and costly to clean up.

Your load should be covered and secured from the beginning of your trip. An improperly secured load will result in a surcharge assessed at the disposal sites. While the transfer station and landfill will sell tarps on site, putting on a tarp in the parking lot defeats the purpose of taking proper precautions before transporting your waste.

City of Garland Code of Ordinances, Chapter 52, Article III, Sec. 52.30(D) specifies that "all vehicles hauling solid wastes to the transfer station or landfill must have a suitable cover placed over the load to prevent trash from blowing or falling from the vehicle...." Tarping rules are also covered under the State Transportation Code, Title 7, Chapter 725,Sec.725.021(c).

Officer Alexis Crockett, Traffic Officer, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, with the Garland Police Department, explains, "Officers will stop vehicles with portions of the load spilling or blowing on the roadway. Failing to secure your load is a Class C Misdemeanor, and fines can range from \$25 to \$500."

Avoid these fines and surcharges by properly securing your load and ensuring no waste escapes on your way to the disposal site. The control of litter on the roads and safe disposal starts with you.

Please call 972-205-3500 for more information.